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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ETEL ITU WB UR GW US UK FR

SUBJECT: ITU LF/MF CONFERENCE: SOVIET LETTER RE BERLIN

REFS: (A) BONN 16395; (B) BONN 15900

BEGIN SUMMARY. BONN GROUP BELIEVES NO REPLY IS REQUIRED
TO SOVIET STATEMENT ON BERLIN CIRCULATED AT ITU
CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 17. BRITISH AND FRENCH REPS WILL
ASK THEIR DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA TO BE ALERT TO POSSIBLE
NEED FOR RESPONDING TO A SOVIET PROTEST WHICH
COULD BE DELIVERED WHEN CONFERENCE WINDS UP ON FRIDAY.
END SUMMARY.

1. BONN GROUP MET NOVEMBER 17 AT FRG REQUEST TO
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DISCUSS LETTER WHICH HEAD OF SOVIET DELEGATION HAD

GIVEN CHAIRMAN OF ITU CONFERENCE EARLIER THAT MORNING.
TEXT OF LETTER, WHICH FRG UNDERSTOOD WOULD BE
CIRCULATED LATER NOVEMBER 17 AS A CONFERENCE DOCUMENT,
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. THE DELEGATION OF THE USSR TO THE SECOND
SESSION OF THE BROADCASTING CONFERENCE HAS THE HONOR
TO INFORM YOU THAT IT WILL TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENTS,
CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE
REFERRING TO BERLIN (WEST) ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY
ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF
SEPTEMBER 3, 1971.

I ASK YOU TO CIRCULATE THIS LETTER AS A CONFERENCE
DOCUMENT. END TEXT.

2. FRG REP (HENZE) SOUGHT ALLIED VIEWS ON WHAT TO MAKE
OF THE SOVIET LETTER AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. HENZE
NOTED THAT STATEMENT WAS SIMILAR TO GDR STATEMENT AT
FIRST STAGE OF CONFERENCE LAST YEAR, IN WHICH GDR
(WITH SUBSEQUENT SOVIET SUPPORT) HAD SAID THAT "AS FAR
AS MATTERS OF STATUS AND SECURITY ARE AFFECTED, STRICT
OBSERVANCE OF QA MUST BE GUARANTEED." FRG HAD SENT A
REPLY TO THAT GDR STATEMENT, AND UK AND FRENCH DELE-
GATIONS HAD ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH IT.

3. HENZE RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL
TO HAVE AN ALLIED STATEMENT, IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 17
SOVIET LETTER, TO EFFECT THAT REPRESENTATION OF
INTERESTS OF WEST BERLIN BY THE FRG IS IN ACCORD WITH
THE QA. THERE WAS SOME FRG CONCERN, HE SAID, THAT THE
REFERENCE TO "TAKING NOTE OF THE RESULTS OF THE
CONFERENCE" MIGHT BE LAYING GROUND WORK FOR A LATER
SOVIET CLAIM THAT MOSCOW DID NOT ACCEPT THE ALLOCATION
OF FREQUENCIES TO BERLIN BECAUSE FRG WAS NOT ENTITLED
TO REPRESENT BERLIN.

4. ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT SOVIETS MAY BE

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PREPARING FOR FUTURE OBJECTIONS TO RESULTS OF
CONFERENCE. THEY THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS
NOTHING IN SOVIET STATEMENT WITH WHICH ALLIES OR FRG
COULD DISAGREE, AND THEY THEREFORE THOUGHT THERE WAS
NOTHING USEFUL THAT COULD BE SAID AT THIS POINT.

5. GENERAL FEELING WAS THAT, IF SOVIETS PLANNED TO
PROTEST, THEY WOULD DO SO IN CONNECTION WITH SIGNATURE
OF CONFERENCE RESULTS ON NOVEMBER 21. BONN GROUP
CONSENSUS WAS THAT IF SOVIETS SIGNED BUT EXPRESSED
RESERVATIONS OF AN UNSPECIFIED NATURE, THERE WAS NO
NEED FOR ANY ALLIED ACTION. IF, ON OTHER HAND, SOVIET
SPOKESMAN SHOULD CLAIM ON NOVEMBER 21 THAT THE RESULTS
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CONCERNING BERLIN WERE NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QA,
IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR BRITISH OR FRENCH DELEGATION

MEMBER TO REACT.

6. RECOGNIZING THAT THE SOVIET STATEMENT MIGHT NOT PRECISELY FIT ANY OF THE CATEGORIES FOR WHICH CONTINGENCY REPLIES HAVE BEEN PREPARED (REFTELS), REPS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE MOST GENEVA DELEGATIONS COULD DO ON SPUR OF MOMENT WOULD BE TO DENY THE SPECIFIC SOVIET ASSERTION AND RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO THE MATTER AT A LATER DATE.
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